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| For: EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT |) | |
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| MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND |) | |
| EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT |) | |
| METHOD |) | |

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The documents were cited in an Office Action dated March 3, 2009, in a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese language Office Action is being submitted herewith. An English language translation of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

The information is submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Continued examination is requested and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) accompanies the present submission.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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